

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 February 2015 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr G Horrobin, Mr F Johnson, Mr P Gartside and Mr J Clinch.

OPEN FORUM

(At this point in the Meeting members of the public present can report, ask questions, raise issues and make observations on parish matters or items appearing on the Agenda. Reports will also be received from the Police, District and County Councillors if attending – Once open forum is closed the Chairman will only suspend standing orders to allow public participation in extreme circumstances.)

Residents Present – Parish Councillors and the Clerk introduced themselves to the large number of residents present. A request for a copy of the Minutes from the previous meeting was agreed once the Minutes have been ratified as correct by the Parish Council. The majority of the residents present wished to complain about the withdrawal of the 638/639 bus service with effect from 15/4/15. The withdrawal of this service will mean that many residents will have no direct means of accessing doctors, dentists, shops, schools or supermarkets in either Standish or Wigan. Passengers have been told that the removal of the service is a cost cutting exercise. A resident present did report that the Minutes of the Ministry of Transport Meeting of January say the service will be replaced by an hourly service, the 365, which will serve Mill Lane, Appley Lane North and Wrightington Hospital and indicated that the only area which will be disadvantaged by the replacement service will be Crow Orchard. Concerned residents complained that there will be no direct route to Standish, where many are registered with Doctors and Dentists and, do their shopping. To do this they will have to catch a bus to Shevington and then change to go to Standish or Wigan. The Parish Council agreed to write to Wigan Transport to express the outrage at the withdrawal of these services and point out that rural areas will be completely isolated. Councillors who attended a recent LALC Meeting reported that LCC had suggested removing some of the bus services they supply and replacing them with a small bus in each Parish. This idea was quashed by Parish Councils present as it would be too onerous and too costly to implement for Parish Councils. It was suggested that much of the problem results from Appley Bridge being right on the border of Wigan and West Lancashire and therefore, that LCC and Wigan Transport should be liaising to provide a mutually agreeable, cross-border, bus service or, that LCC should subsidise part of the service which comes in to West Lancashire. It was also confirmed that Dial-a-Ride cannot be used to go to Standish or Wigan as it will only operate in West Lancashire. It was suggested that it would be useful if the 3A bus service route could be altered to include a route from Parbold into Appley Bridge, then to the Hospital before going back to Newburgh and Skelmersdale. This question will be asked.

Public Present – Reported water holding at the edge of the carriageway and footway near the bus stop at Gibson's Garage, Mossy Lea Road. Bus service users are often sprayed with water at the bus stop. The pavement from Dangerous Corner to Wrightington Hospital is very uneven on the hospital side. Pot-holes require attention on Stonegate Lane and Skull House Lane. The 20mph speed limit on Stonegate Lane is ineffective and ignored as there is no means of enforcement in place.

114. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Kay (Childcare issues). Apologies were also received from PC Lodge and PCSO Benson.
115. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters under discussion at the Meeting. No declarations were made at this point in the Meeting however, should a Councillor feel he/she has any interest in later matters he/she will declare it at that point.
116. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 19 January 2015 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
117. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing to report which will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
118. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Response from Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager, LCC, to the issues raised with Gritting in the vicinity of horses – Drivers should, and will be reminded, that horses and riders should be given the same consideration as other road users – **Noted.**
- b) Response from County Councillor Fillis to highways issues raised re: the entrance to Heron's Wharf off Mill Lane – **The Parish Council remain disappointed, and still question the legality of the planning permissions granted by Wigan MBC without consulting the Highway Authority (LCC) in which the access to this development is located.**
- c) Notification, and invitation to attend, Villages in Partnership AGM, Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 7pm at the Bateman Hall, Eccleston – **Councillor Johnson will attend this meeting.**
- d) Notification next VIP Network Meeting will be first week in March – **Noted.**
- e) Request for Agenda Items for the next Three Tier Forum Meeting on 4 March + notification of the Dalton PC Agenda Item request – **It will be suggested that LCC work with Wigan Transport/Greater Manchester to create mutually suitable cross boundary bus services. The Parish Council have been corresponding with Railtrack, LCC, West Lancs. BC, the Police and the MP to try to address parking problems on Appley Lane North caused by commuters travelling from Appley Bridge Railway Station. It was suggested that the local authorities should try to compulsorily purchase the PAD now that quarrying has ceased, for use as a parking facility which would address this problem.**
- f) Notification of an application for an environmental permit to operate an installation – Ramsay Timber Ltd, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – **The Clerk obtained further information, and it was confirmed that, the application was for an existing installation without any modification, addition or alteration. The permit will regularise what already exists.**
- g) Notification that the LCC's Parish & Town Council Conference will be held on Saturday 21 March 2015 at Burnley Town Hall, Burnley – **The Clerk will attend this Meeting.**
- h) Notification West Lancs. BC is considering the Premises Licences (PL) & Club Premises Certificates (CPC) – **The Council will leave this matter to the professional officers.**
- i) Notification of route for the Ironman Event, 19 July 2015 – **There appears to be no mention of how the businesses on this route will be notified or when. Last year notifications and leaflets were provided too late to ensure loss of business did not occur.**
- j) Response to your objections to the introduction of a charge for the disposal of DIY waste at households waste recycling centres, above a certain amount – **Noted. The Parish Council will await the result of discussions at the Three Tier Forum Meeting on this subject.**
- k) Request for nominations by West Lancs. BC for the 2015 design awards – **Resolved: The Parish Council will nominate Pesto at the Dicconson Arms for a design award.**
- l) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Reply from Rosie Cooper MP to issues associated with commuters parking on Appley Lane North – **Noted that this complaint has been passed to highways at LCC.** ii) An email enquiry relating to issues discussed in Open Forum in relation to developing land managed by Escalibur – **The Clerk responded to this email between Meetings and the Council were thanked for their continued work in the Parish.** iii) A request that signs be erected in the cul-de-sac at Mossfields to indicate that this is not a turning area – **Noted.**

119. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Parking on the footways on Skull House Lane, on weekdays and at weekends, by people attending the Church or activities in the Church Hall, is becoming a serious problem and the vehicles are preventing pedestrians from using the footway.
- Litter picks are required on Courage Low Lane, Moss Lane and on the left hand side going down Parbold Hill.
- Road surfaces on Moss Lane, near the junction with Robin Hood Lane, will be monitored as they are in poor condition.
- It was suggested that once cutting back and slurry sealing of footways in the Parish is complete the Parish Council will write to thank LCC for this work.

120. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson attended the flood risk Meeting to discuss the repercussions of turning off the pumps at Hoscar Moss. It was outlined just how much land will be flooded when DEFRA turn off the pumps. They were disappointed that no action was proposed and that the subject was just talked about. It was stressed that the pumps were installed for a reason and it would be sad to see all the land at the Mosses flooded. It was reported that it is Environment Agency responsibility to maintain the pumps and that they are required to undertake cost cutting measures one of which is to turn off the pumps. The pumps have been running for 50+ years and the Environment Agency maintain that nothing will happen if they are now turned off but this is not true. The next meeting has been arranged for 5 March 2015.

121. PRECEPT 2015/16 – Following detailed discussions on the anticipated income and expenditure for 2015/16, including the fact that there will be election expenses following the May elections which will be either £250 or £1200 dependent upon whether the election is contested or uncontested. The Parish Council must budget for these expenses. It was proposed that the £1200 (maximum election costs) be added on to the 2014/15 precept request and a further 3% be added to cover inflation costs on utilities and other expenses. Therefore, it was proposed, seconded and **Resolved: on a majority vote that the Parish requirement is £12,680 for 2015/16 - £888 (Council Tax Support Grant) = a Parish Precept of £11,792.00.**

122. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Payment for Craft Classes £30. Notification Clerk will be holding a Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the Village Hall on Sunday 22 March 2015 if there is enough interest. Discussions suggested that the Parish Council re-visit the idea of extending the village hall, to square the building off, and create a larger hall space which is currently the stumbling block for potential village hall users. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider alternative materials for an extension eg: using lighter building materials which may be less costly due to the nature of the land upon which the hall is built and the current buildings floating foundations. Plans will be required, estimates and planning permission will need to be obtained and funding will need to be sourced to progress this matter.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that the Village Hall Committee Meeting had taken place and that it would seem that the gloss paint in the hall is bubbling and a small section of skirting board needs re-affixing to the boxed in pipes.

Resolved: The Parish Council confirmed acceptance of the Capital Bid submitted to West Lancs. BC for Enhancements to fencing adjacent to the car parks at Mossy Lea & Appley Bridge Village Halls by the re-location of galvanized fencing to Appley Bridge Village Hall and, the addition of Planters – Total cost of Project £2551.50. A Bid to West Lancs. BC for £1700.00 with the Parish Council Contribution being £851.50.

Resolved: The Parish Council supported the funding bids submitted to the Parish Champion £900 (on behalf of the Parish Council) and the County Councillor – 2 bids, one for each hall of £450 (on behalf of the Village Hall Committees) for funding towards the purchase and installation of defibrillators in both Village Halls.

123. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2015/0037/LDC Certificate of Lawfulness – Use of land as camping/caravan site. F & P Waring. (Case 1673361) Charity Farm Caravan Park, Smithy Brow, Wrightington – **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2015/0027/FUL Single storey rear extension. 78 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2015/0092/FUL Extensions and alterations. Long Acre, Moss Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) 2014/0422/FUL - Variation of Condition No. 4 imposed on planning permission 2013/0158/FUL to allow surface water to be connected to the existing system via a water attenuation system. Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed of planning permission 2013/0158/FUL to allow amendment to approved plans as shown on plan reference 3080-14-10E received by the Local Planning Authority on 23rd May 2014. Land to The Rear Of 9 To 17 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington, Lancashire. **All Councillors**

Declared an Interest in this application by virtue of their close working relationship with the applicant. Therefore, no discussion occurred and no decision was made.

- 5) 2015/0073/COU Change of use of part of an existing barn to a baking school. Barn at South Tunley Hall, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. (Case 1673367)
- 6) 2015/0131/LBC Listed Building Consent for change of use of part of an existing barn to a baking school, Barn at South Tunley Hall, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. (Case 1673369)
- 7) 2015/0118/FUL Variation of condition No.3 of planning permission 2014 /0219/FUL to add an additional material to those specified on the application form to include a section of render to part of the side and rear elevations. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**

124. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Nothing to report.

125. ACCOUNTS - To receive the following list of accounts for Approval:

For Payment:

United Utilities	Water & Wastewater Charges ABVH	£55.81
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£618.92
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£4.00
D/D E.on	Electricity Charges MLVH	£131.45
D/D Utd Utils.	Water & Wastewater Charges MLVH	£29.97

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	Payment towards Amenity Grass Cutting	£246.84
MLVH Committee	Transfer	£2000.00

Resolved: Payment & Receipt of the above accounts & bank reconciliation is approved and finances are on track.

126. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 March 2015 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 114 to 126 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 March 2015.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:00 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Permission GRANTED for demolition of an existing garage and erection of a new two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension. 141 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- b) Permission GRANTED for erection of a single storey detached double garage. 12 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
- c) Notification that an enforcement notice was issued on 22 January 2015 to take effect on 13 March that, without planning permission the change of use of the land for the purposes of parking, storage and the siting of portable buildings/structures, including the construction of hardstanding areas and the erection of palisade fencing – Land South-east of The Junction with Mossy Lea Road, Rookery Fold.
- d) Notification of temporary road closure on Broadhurst Lane, from the boundary of No6 and No8 for a distance of 70m in a northerly direction (Outside Tree Tops), from Wednesday 18 March 2015- Wednesday 25 March 2015 continuous, from 8am-4pm, for highway drainage works.
- e) Letter of thanks from Appley Bridge Pensioners Social Club for the donation from Peter Lathom Trust.
- f) Notification that the Yew Tree Farm Masterplan has been adopted.
- g) Notification of submission for independent examination of the Wigan Community Infrastructure Levy: Draft Charging Schedule.
- h) Copy letter send to residents recently regarding the new parking arrangements at Mossfields.